


Flash videos provide color, dynamic movement and personality to web pages. Although there are several ways to create and embed a flash video to SharpSchool, this document highlights the easiest and quickest way to achieve this.

### SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:

- Adobe Photoshop® - CS (8.0), CS2 (9.0), CS3 (10.0) or CS4 (11.0)
- Adobe Flash® - Macromedia Flash 8, Adobe Flash CS3 Professional, Adobe Flash CS4 Professional, or Adobe Flash CS5 Professional)
- SharpSchool SitePublish Content Editor

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In Photoshop create a slideshow or banner of images at the desired size.
2. In Flash set the document dimension to the size of the slideshow or banner created in Photoshop.
3. Import the images from Photoshop into the Flash library.
4. In Flash, create a separate *movieclip* for each image and insert each image into its respective clip.
5. Align the *movieclips* in the main Flash timeline on separate layers. Note: cross-dissolve is achieved by applying motion-tweening together with opacity change.
6. When completed, export the Flash as an *swf* file.
7. In SharpSchool's Content Management System, create a *content portlet* at the desired location.
8. Click on  in the *RAD Content Editor* to insert the Flash video.
9. Remember to select the transparency checkbox.
10. To change images in the slideshow use the "Import and Replace" function in the Flash library.

Important things to remember about the Flash slideshow are:

- Set the document dimensions to the size of the Photoshop images.
- Remember to export the images from Flash at this size. If the size is incorrect then the images will stretch or shrink and become pixilated.
- Set the Flash to transparent mode not opaque when it is embedded into the content portlet.
- The *RAD Content Editor* will allow you to apply the transparency setting, or it can be applied manually as an attribute of the embed tag (*wmode="transparent"*)